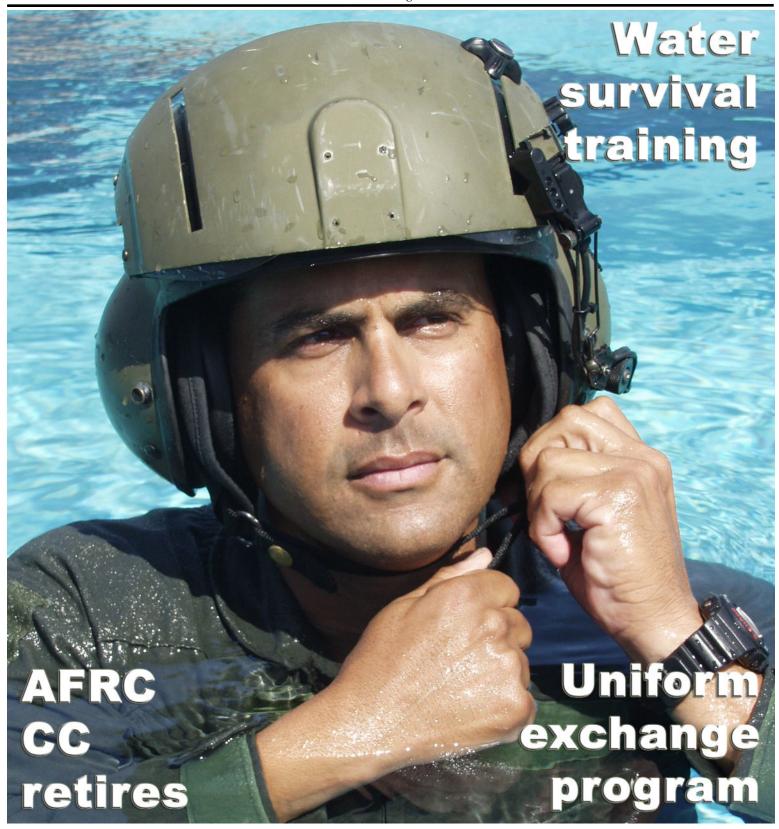


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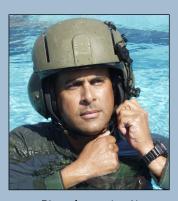


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On the cover:

Senior Master Sgt. Omar Rivera- a flight engineer with the 301st Rescue Squadron- prepares to demonstrate aircrew water survival techniques. Read about the training session on page 10.



ORI: Preparing for what's to come

By Col. Joseph Trippy 920th Rescue Wing Vice Commander

The 920th Rescue Wing will partici-

pate in an Operational Readiness Inspection in 2005. The inspection will evaluate our unit's ability to mobilize and conduct flying operations driven by a scenario based exercise under the observation of an outside inspection team.

Ordinarily- a unit participates in ORIs through a four to five year cycle. As I'm sure you know- the 920th has been a little busy since our last ORI back in 1997.

Those of us who have previously participated in ORIs recognize them as a necessary evil in the course of one's military career. When all is said and done- an ORI gives the gaining major command a quantitative assessment of a given unit's ability to perform the mission.

The 920th's ORI will be conducted in two phases. This is most beneficial as it allows us to focus on certain aspects of the ORI at defined and separate times. It reduces the economic impact and more importantly spreads out the member participation impact on all of us. I don't have to tell you that our reserve business has maintained a very high ops tempo recently and the leadership of this wing is extremely sensitive to the demands placed on our members. We will work diligently to balance the impact this inspection will have with the health and well being of our members.

Phase I of the process will be conducted in February 2005 and will evaluate our ability to deploy effectively. This phase will be conveniently aligned with our deployment in support of our AEF tasking. In essence- we will be doing what we have to do anyway to support the deployment of our folks-except it will be under the scrutiny of the inspection team.

We will be doing what we do with a real purpose. We have certainly demonstrated our ability to meet this aspect of the Air Force's needs based on our numerous deployments in support of the Global War on Terrorism since October 2001 and I am confident that the 920th will complete this aspect of the ORI in full stride of normal business.

Phase II will be conducted in November 2005 and evaluates our ability to operate as if in a deployed location in an adverse war-like environment. We will be tasked with conducting the rescue mission of launching and recovering aircraft while demonstrating our ability to survive and operate. This will include aspects of command and control- filling sand bagsoperating in a chemical or biological environment- and conducting post attack area sweeps. We are more likely to really operate in this type of environment than ever before in our nation's history.

So what can we all do to prepare for these events? Mostly- just do our job. Fill the training squares whether it is ground training- flying requirementscompleting upgrade training or just doing the best we can every time we drive through the gate.

Since transitioning to Air Force Special Operations Command- a lot more has changed than just the patch on our uniform. This is the most effective way we can all prepare for the ORI and for the real world taskings that may come down the road.

The actions of the members of this unit speak for themselves and I am confident we will accomplish this ORI successfully.

This is a broad brush stroke of what is in store for the 920th. Many of the details are yet to be worked out and the information will begin to flow over the next couple of months. Keep your eyes and ears open and ask questions. The key to the success of the 920th is staying informed and working together as a team committed to mission excellence. "These Things We Do That Others May Live!"

AFRC bids farewell to commander

Courtesy of AFRC News Service

t. Gen. James E. Sherrard III returned May 11 to say goodbye to friends and associates-relinquish command of Air Force Reserve Command and conclude a military career that spanned nearly four decades.

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper presided at a ceremony attended by 1-000 people. General Sherrard's retirement will take effect June 1.

Maj. Gen. John A. Bradley has been nominated by the president to the Senate for promotion to lieutenant general and appointment as chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command. If General Bradley is not confirmed by June 1- Maj. Gen. John J. Batbie Jr.- AFRC vice commander- will continue to lead the command until General Bradley is confirmed.

"As I close out my career with our United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve Command- I wish to thank every member of the Air Force Reserve for their unselfish and dedicated service to our command and this nation-" said General Sherrard. "I am so honored to have been privileged to serve with so many talented members- both present and past- who are true heroes by every measure of merit."

Although the headquarters for AFRC is at Robins- the general worked in the Pentagon where as chief of Air Force Reserve he served on the Air Staff since September 1998.

General Sherrard began his Air Force career in July 1965- attending flight training at Moody AFB-Ga.- some 140 miles south of Robins. After a tour of active duty-he transferred to the Air Force Reserve in October 1971 at Eglin AFB Field 3- Fla.- serving as an instructor pilot and C-130A/B and AC-130A flight examiner and



Courtesy photo

Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper (left) presided over the retirement ceremony of Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III (right)- chief of Air Force Reserve and commander of Air Force Reserve Command.

squadron operations officer.

During his career- he commanded a flying group- two flying wings and two numbered air forces.

He spent more than five years at Robins. From October 1984 to August 1986 he was deputy chief of staff for plans- programs and manpower in the Reserve head-quarters. He served as vice commander of the Air Force Reserve from July 1993 to October 1994 and from January 1995 to January 1998.

In April 1998- the president nominated him to become chief of the Air Force Reserve and commander of AFRC. The general was confirmed by the Senate in September of that year.

General Sherrard called the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11- 2001-his most demanding and challenging time as AFRC commander.

However- at the same time he said the Reserve's response to the attacks and the subsequent actions supporting Operations Noble Eagle- Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom were the command's most significant achievements during his tenure.

"The level of demands on our Reserve personnel were unprecedented- and they responded in spectacular fashion-" General Sherrard said. "Seeing so many Air Force reservists step forward immediately after the terrorist attacks- without being asked- was so very inspiring but not unexpected.

"Their response was amazing-" he said. "They did not wait for their organizations to call for their help. They reported for duty- ready to respond as needed." (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

920th LRF offers uniform exchange

By Tech. Sgt. Denise Hopkins 920th RQW Logistics Readiness Flight

There is a bit of confusion regarding the uniform program- what quantities are authorized- what items are required and which ones are elective- and the turn-in of old uniforms. We hope this article will answer any questions members may have and clear up any misconceptions.

The uniform program is managed by the 920th Logistics Readiness Flight- located in Building 708. Our hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the week and on

UTA weekends.

Air Force Instruction 36-3014 states"The basic replacement allowance provides for replacement of uniform items that would normally wear out during the first 3 years of duty." However- if in the line of duty your uniform becomes unserviceable- you may come to the LRF with the unserviceable uniform and ask for a replacement.

The one-for-one uniform exchange program is simple:
If you want a uniform- you have to turn in a uniform. If you want one set of the Battle Dress

Uniform- you must bring in an old set. Want a longsleeved blue shirt? Bring in an old long-sleeved blue shirt. Please bring your ID card when you come to the LRF to pick up an AF Form 656- Clothing Request and Receipt. You must have it in order to receive any uniform items. It is your responsibility to remember to bring in your old uniforms. Please do not ask the LRF personnel to issue new uniforms with the promise that you'll bring in your exchanges the next UTA weekend. Also- before turning in your old uniformsplease remove all name tapes- stripes- patches and specialty badges. The member is responsible for "demilitarizing" their uniforms before turn-in. If you are coming from a different branch of service or have been out of service for several years and are joining our unit- the one-for-one exchange policy is waived.

If you are given an AF Form 656- you must take it to Military Clothing Sales during that UTA weekend. Please do not wait until the following UTA. MCS will not accept anything over 30 days old. Please note that the only authorized MCS you can use is the one located here at Patrick AFB.

More stringent procedures have been initiated for the issue of Gortex items. Members no longer have the choice between Gortex items and regular issue items. The only personnel who are authorized the issue of the Gortex jacket and trousers are flight line personnel and those who actively engage in daily work outdoors. In other words- working in an office all day that happens to be out on the flight line does not authorize a member use of any Gortex items.

Supervisors- if you have a member who needs special uniform items such as climbing boots or Gortexplease type a letter stating what items are required-the reason why- and the name- rank- and social security number of the individual. Give a copy to the member and provide the original to the LRF. We will keep a copy of this letter on file for future reference.

Routine issue uniform items are avail-

able from the base supply office or the individual equipment unit. The LRF will issue members an AF Form 2005 for uniform items which the member must then take to base supply or IEU between 8 a.m. and noon on UTA Saturdays. Failure to do so will prevent members from obtaining the requested items until the following UTA. Items that are ordered through base supply or IEU include field jackets-Gortex items- boots- stocking hats-

and gloves.

If you have any questions- please feel free to

contact the LRF at (321) 494-2431- (321) 494-1301 and (321) 494-1302 or come by our office.

Are you interested in some extra cash?

The 920 RQW is offering a bonus for the following AFSCs for the period of April 1- 2004 through September 30- 2004:

X1T2X1 Pararescue
1N0X1 Intelligence
1A1X1 Flight Engineer
2W0X1 Weapons Loader
1A2X1 Load Master
3P0X1 Security Forces
1C3X1 Command Post

Please stop by Building 313- room 102- or call (321) 494-9016 if you meet the above criteria.

June UTA

Briefs

Billeting Assignments

Members of the 920th Rescue Wing should contact Mark Screen at (321) 494-6590 for June UTA lodging assignments and additional billeting information.

Newcomers

June newcomers should report to the Military Personnel Flightbuilding 313- room 109- for inprocessing.

Worship Service

A worship service will be held Saturday- June 5- at the Seaside Fellowship Hall on base.

Military Pay Hours

The 920th Military Pay Office will be open Saturday- June 5-from 0730-1600.

Military Equal Opportunity

The 920th MEO office provides sexual harassment awareness-equal opportunity and treatment-human relations education and complaint clarification. For more information- please contact Lt. Col. Richard Tallarigo or Tech. Sgt. Tom Renna at (321) 494-4103.

Inspector General

The Inspector General's office is the wing's grievance channel when all other avenues of resolution have been exhausted.

The 920th RQW IG office is located in building 536- room 112. Contact Lt. Col. Ken Warren at (321) 494-6474 or Master Sgt. Marcia Patrizzi at (321) 494-2192 with your questions or concerns. The 920th Rescue Wing Hotline is 1-800-251-3826.

·	June 5- 2004	
0715-0730	Sign in	
0715-1200	Newcomer Inprocessing	Building 313- Room 109
1600	Worship service	Seaside Fellowship Hal
1630	Sign out	
Sunday- Ju	ine 6- 2004	
0715-0730	Sign in	
1630	Sign out	

Fitness Questions

For questions concerning the Air Force Fit to Fight program-proper form for push-ups- sit-ups and waist measurement- contact Senior Master Sgt. Craig Kennedy-920th Rescue Wing fitness program coordinator- at (321) 494-1193.

Additional information can be found by visiting the Web site https://wwwmil.afrc.af.mil/hq/sg/FitnessProgram/PhysicalFitness.htm

Thrift Savings Plan

Civilian and military employees can sign up for- or change their Thrift Savings Plan contributions amounts during the open season April 15 to June 30. Don't miss out on this opportunity to plan for the future!

Members can enroll through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Web site at www.dfas.mil/emss/ or by filling out a form TSP-U-1 at the 920th MPF- finance office or family support office.

920th Toll Free Number

The 920th Rescue Wing has a toll-free number accessible from any phone in the United States. Members may check their voicemail or reach an office directly without paying long-distance. Dial 1-866-920-WING (9464)

Chaplain Service

Need some guidance- or maybe someone to just listen? The 920th RQW chaplains are available on and off UTA weekends. Contact Maj. John Weller or Capt. Calvin Gittner at 1-800-636-0262.

Next UTA:

July NO UTA
August 7-8
September 11-12
October 2-3
November 6-7

Awards and Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal

Lt. Col. Richard N. Conforti- Jr. Master Sqt. Kimberly R. Cooper Maj. Paul Dechirico Senior Master Sqt. Louis DeMartino Master Sgt. Victor Durand Tech. Sqt. Jeffrey L. Eggersdorf Senior Master Sqt. Terry D. Fleetwood Master Sgt. Karen M. Forsythe Senior Master Sqt. Francis J. Gambale Tech. Sqt. Jeffrey A. Ginther Master Sqt. David L. Heffernan Master Sgt. Michial J. McClellan Senior Master Sgt. Peggy L. McDaniel Master Sgt. David L. Moore

Aerial Achievement Medal

Lt. Col. David H. Blackburn Tech. Sqt. Michael Frizzell Tech. Sqt. Gregory R. Goetz Master Sat. Michael J. Gorsline Tech. Sat. Jonathan M. Grant Maj. Robert E. Haston Master Sqt. Peter J. Helman Master Sqt. James T. Johnston Maj. Phillip N. Kennedy- Jr. Capt. John J. Lowe Capt. Martin A. Payne 1st Lt. Nicholas A. Philpitt Tech. Sqt. Kenneth L. Pizer Master Sgt. Kevin P. Raville Senior Master Sqt. Omar E. Rivera Master Sqt. Glenn E. Roberts

Master Sgt. Glenn E. Roberts Staff Sgt. Isaiah Staley Master Sgt. Robert P. Succop Master Sgt. Randolph J. Wells

Air Medal

Maj. George E. Cespedes Senior Master Sgt. Louis DeMartino
Lt. Col. Christopher P. Hannon
Lt. Col. William A. McHenry
Capt. Thomas E. Oatmeyer
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth L. Pizer
Tech. Sgt. Ryan V. Renuart
Tech. Sgt. Scott E. Spangler
Maj. Steven R. White
Master Sgt. Michael J. Ziegler









Air Force Commendation Medal

Senior Master Sgt. Henry A. Aprea Jaster Sgt. Alexander I. Abbe

Master Sgt. Alexander L. Abbey Tech. Sgt. Timothy N. Baxley Staff Sgt. Jessica J. Beers Tech. Sgt. Brian E. Boyce Tech. Sgt. William M. Briggs Master Sgt. Dairo J. Cardona Senior Master Sgt. Robert J. Del Toro

Maj. Marc C. Dipaolo Master Sgt. Carlos Gonzalez-Ortega

Ortega
Maj. Robert E. Haston
Master Sgt. Peter J. Helman
Maj. Earl H. Hitzman
Senior Airman Robert J.
Hutchins- Jr.
Tech. Sgt. Tiffany R. Jackson

Master Sgt. George Jones
Maj. Phillip N. Kennedy- Jr.
Tech. Sgt. Frank C. Mora Matos
Tech. Sgt. Selwyn L. McConney
Capt. Martin A. Payne
Senior Master Sgt. Sidney P.
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Senior Master Sgt. Omar F.

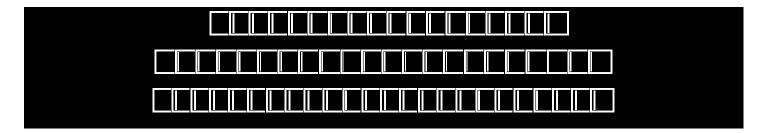
Senior Master Sgt. Omar E. Rivera

Staff Sgt. Matthew R. Roche Maj. Bruce E. Schuman Tech. Sgt. Wassa B. Starr Master Sgt. Robert P. Succop Tech. Sgt. Norman J. Thomas Master Sgt. Elizabeth M. Walker Staff Sgt. Matthew E. Weiner Master Sgt. Randolph J. Wells Maj. Steven R. White

Air Force Achievement Medal

Chief Master Sqt. Margaret C. Burgess Staff. Sgt. Shannon K. Cambridge Staff Sqt. Shaun M. T. Daly Staff Sqt. Erwin E. Diaz Staff Sgt. Paul J. Fager Tech. Sqt. Michael B. Frizzell Tech. Sgt. Albert E. Gibson- Jr. Tech. Sqt. Armando Giraldo Tech. Sgt. Olga L. Gonzalez Tech. Sqt. Cynthia L. Guest Tech. Sqt. Brenda Y. Hatcher Staff Sqt. Matthew P. Haymaker Master Sqt. Daniel R. Hollsten Senior Airman Matthew J. Kukorlo Staff Sgt. Steven A. Langhoff Tech. Sat. Eric G. Lura Maj. Michael W. Manion Staff Sqt. Garry M. Ortiz Master Sgt. Longino Rodriguez Master Sgt. Ricardo M. Rodriquez Staff Sqt. Rustin C. Shaw Staff Sqt. Brian F. Toth Tech. Sgt. Kurt H. Urban

Master Sgt. Gregory B. West



Is it difficult to explain your Air Force Reserve career to your civilian employer? Would you like a chance to say "thank you" with more than just words for their understanding and support of your Air Force Reserve career?

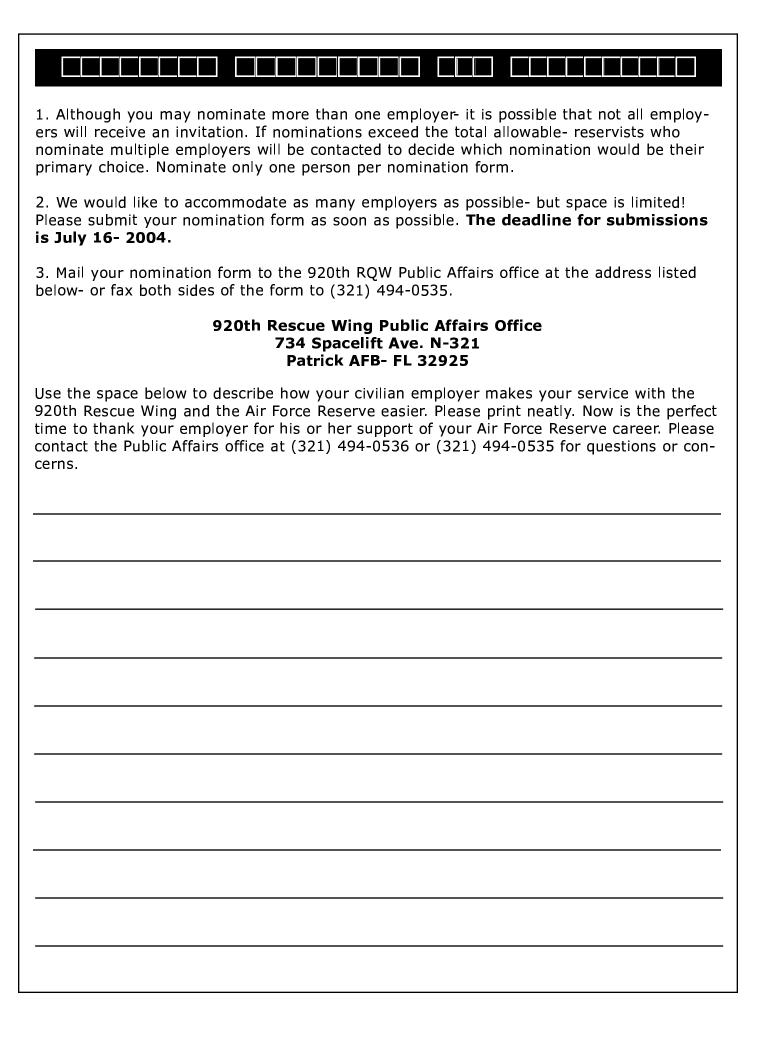
The 920th Rescue Wing is hosting it's annual Employer Awareness Day during the August 2004 UTA weekend. Employer's Day is the perfect opportunity for your employer to see first hand just how important your contributions are to the success of the 920th RQW and to the defense of the United States. Reservists who have been deployed or activated are highly encouraged to nominate their civilian employers for this event.

In a day they will be sure to remember- your employer will have the opportunity to fly aboard an HC-130 Hercules aircraft or an HH-60 Pave Hawk helicopter- view displays and demonstrations and participate in a tour of 920th RQW facilities. In addition- your employer will be presented with a certificate of appreciation from the National Committee of Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve at a luncheon held in their honor.

Please completely fill out the nomination form below and return it to the 920th Rescue Wing Public Affairs office at the address listed on the reverse side of this flyer. **Nominations must be received by the 920th RQW Public Affairs office no later than July 16- 2004.**

Please make sure to fill out your form neatly and completely!

EMPLOYER AWAREI	NESS DAY 2004 NOMINATION FORM
NOMINEE (EMPLOYER)	
NAME/JOB TITLE	
NAME OF BUSINESS	
BUSINESS ADDRESS	
BUSINESS PHONE	
RESERVIST	
NAME/RANK/UNIT	
HOME ADDRESS	
HOME PHONE	



No wash outs in water survival

Story and photos by Senior Airman Heather Kelly 920th RQW Public Affairs

Members of the 920th Rescue Wing received a refresher in water survival training at the Patrick Air Force Base pool during the April 2004 UTA.

The Helicopter Emergency Underwater Egress training and water survival refresher is mandatory for all HH-60 aircrew members.

"After their initial training- we provide the refresher courses to keep them current-" said Tech. Sgt. Ben Codallo- an aircrew life support technician with the 920th. "It's required training to be able to perform over open-water combat operations-" he said.

Members perform a series of exercises including strapping into a caged metal chair and undergoing a series of "rolls". Additional training includes working as a team during a survival raft exercise- said Tech. Sgt. Codallo.

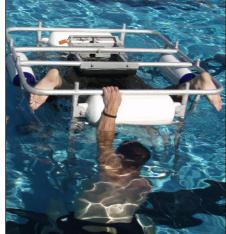
The chair simulates being strapped into a helicopter. If one were to ever go down in the wateraircrew members are trained on proper egress techniques- Codallo said

"We want our people to be prepared for whatever may happen-" said Codallo.



Tech. Sgt. Bill Allen- an aerial gunner instructor with the 301st Rescue Squadron- makes his way onto a water survival raft during a training session at the Patrick AFB pool.







Helicopter pilot Maj. Paul Nevius completes a "roll" with the aid of 920th RQW life support technicians.

Congress reviews Reserve benefits

Courtesy of AFRC News Service

Congress has considered several legislative proposals since 9/11 designed to help reservists and their families cope with activations- high operational and personnel tempo- family separations and shifts in annual income.

One of the most recent is Senate Bill 2068- the Guard and Reserve Enhanced Benefits Act of 2004. Introduced in February- the bill would expand benefits beyond those outlined in President Bush's \$401 billion proposed 2005 Department of Defense budget.

The Senate bill calls for providing child care assistance grants-expanding Montgomery GI Bill benefits- deferring student loan payments- reducing the age for drawing reserve retirement pay

and expanding TRICARE coverage regardless of employment or insurance status. The bill also allows employers to claim up to \$12-000 in tax credits for the pay differential of National Guard and Reserve employees.

"Congress will begin its markup of the president's budget for DOD in early May-" said Wayne Gracie-director of Policy Integration in the Office of the Air Force Reserve in the Pentagon. "It will take a close look at S. 2068 and other proposals. Some of the provisions have been recommended before and have not been enacted into law."

In its review- one major factor that Congress will take into account is the number of mobilized reservists. As of April 27- the Department of Defense reported that more than 170-000 reservists and National Guard members were mobilized. Of that number- more than 5-400 were reservists in Air Force Reserve Command.

If the president's budget for fiscal 2005 is enacted- the Air Force Reserve would receive \$3.788 billion to train- equip- organize and administer some 76-000 reservists. This request is comprised of \$2.24 billion for operation and maintenance- \$1.464 billion for reserve personnel and \$84 million for military construction.

"We won't know what's included in the final authorization and appropriations bills until probably later this summer-" said Mr. Gracie. "A lot can happen between now and when the president signs a spending or authorization bill into law." (Courtesy of AFRC News Service)

Congratulations!

For the past six years- the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues has convened a memorial ceremony at Arlington National Ceremony to honor our nation's servicewomen and women veterans. Each service is asked to provide one outstanding female senior noncommissioned officer to be honored during this ceremony. The 920th Rescue Wing is proud to announce that it's very own

Chief Master Sgt. Clair Burgess was selected!

Way to go Chief!

In addition:

The same 3 crews that won the Jolly Green
Association Rescue Award of the Year 2003- have
won the prestigious

Retired Officers Association Major Gen. Tom E. Marchbanks- Jr- Memorial Award!

This award honors and recognizes accomplishments displaying unique ability or courage- performed during aerial flight- by one or more aircrew members of the Air Force Reserve during the previous calendar year.

Congratulations to all!

Award winning crews

King 50

Maj. Donald Stukey
Maj. Roger L. Gibson
Master Sgt. Michael P. Decker
Maj. Richard Mihovilich
Master Sgt. Eric Draper
Staff Sgt. Natalie Bussey
Staff Sgt. Robert Grande
Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Curl
Master Sgt. Arnold Stocker
Master Sgt. Alexander Abbey

Jolly 23

Maj. T.C. Cunha Lt. Col. Richard N. Conforti Master Sgt. Steven Schwarz Senior Master Sgt. Louis DeMartino 2nd Lt. Mark Ross Tech. Sgt. Jason Songer

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Maj. Steven R. White Maj. George Cespedes Tech. Sgt. Scott Spangler Master Sgt. Mark Whitham 2nd Lt. Quintin Nelson Tech. Sgt. Richard Barnes



Members of the 920th Rescue Wing display plaques awarded by the Jolly Green Association for Rescue of the Year 2003. Crew members pictured top row- left to right are: Maj. Richard Mihovilich- Maj. Roger Gibson- Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Curl- Tech. Sgt. Scott Spangler- Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Schwarz- Master Sgt. Mark Whitham- Maj. Steven White- Maj. George Cespedes- Staff Sgt. Robert Grande- Maj. Gen. David Tanzi. Bottom row- left to right are: Maj. Donald Stukey- Maj. T.C. Cunha- Col. Tim Tarchick- and Tech. Sgt. Jason Songer. Congratulations to the crews and the men and women of the 920th RQW who contributed to this award!

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Photo by Capt. Wade Arnold

Pararescue specialists Master Sgt. Doug Kestranek (left) and Staff Sgt. Matt Roche (right) appear to be at ease in the water during a recent 920th RQW media event. The feature article highlighting the PJs will appear in an upcoming issue of Boating Life magazine.